



News Notes

Warrior run next Friday – The 15th Airlift Wing three-mile Warrior Run is set for Aug. 5 at 6:45 a.m.

All runners are to gather behind the Seabreeze restaurant. The run is mandatory for all 15th AW members and is open to all Team Hickam members.

Warrior run prep tips – Hydration before and after the run is a key component to top performance. Individuals should strive to drink 10-12 cups of water a day, and even more if they consume lots of caffeine (found in coffee, tea, soda and most 'fat burner' nutritional supplements). Start worrying about hydration a few days before the run, rather than the morning of the Warrior Run.

Consuming a light breakfast of an apple or orange, plus some crunchy oat granola, will ensure that a person's carbohydrate stores are 'topped off' and ready to supply energy throughout the run.

Staff Sgt. selection celebration – The Chief Master Sergeants of Hawaii cordially invite all Sky Warriors to join in congratulating Team Hickam's newest staff sergeant selects Aug. 10 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club starting at 4:30 p.m. Come out and help us honor this Air Force career achievement. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Michael Rennie at 449-4546.

HOSC's annual social – The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club will host it's annual Special Activities Social Aug. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. See NOTES, A8

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Safety tip

Keep your eyes open
And your mind alert
So other co-workers don't get hurt

AFN Hawaii receives top Air Force awards

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
15th Airlift Wing
Public Affairs Office

After only opening its doors a little more than two years ago, Air Force News Agency Hawaii garnered four broadcasting Air Force Media Contest awards for the 2004 news year.

In doing so, AFN Hawaii won more first place awards in the Air Force Media Contest than any other unit in the Air Force, which contributed to Pacific Air Forces winning more broadcast awards than any command in the Air Force.

"The AFN News Bureau Hawaii directly supports the command information initiatives of the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Pacific Air Forces, U.S. Army Pacific, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Marine Forces Pacific," said Col. Jerry Renne, PACAF Public Affairs director. "These pieces are not just watched on AFN channels overseas anymore. With

the Pentagon channel also broadcasting AFN, its feasible that millions of people are viewing these products."

The Bureau produces TV and radio products including news, spots and command messages for air on the AFN and the Pentagon Channel. They also support service wide flagship programs including, Around the Air Force, Navy Marine Corps News and Your Corps. According to PACAF Public Affairs, the bureau serves as the primary liaison between Air Force News Agency field activities and Headquarters Pacific Command and its components for developing and delivering internal information messages and products to Defense Department members and their families.

The Hawaii News Bureau has generated more than 320 internal news products since its inception in January 2003.

The awards presented to the Hawaii team were the 2004 Air Force Radio News Story of the Year; Television Feature Story of the Year



Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Russell Barfield, Armed Forces News Service Hawaii Bureau chief, took top honors as the best Air Force Broadcast Journalist of the Year in the 2004 Air Force Media Contest. The bureau also garnered three other top Air Force awards in 2004.

Award and the Air Force Broadcast Command Information Campaign award. Even though this is a second place award, AFN Hawaii considers this the most important award and

greatest accomplishment in the Air Force Media Contest. "Legal Readiness is the one thing we really focused on in 2004," said Tech. Sgt. Russell Barfield, AFN Hawaii Bureau chief. "When 11 out of 13

Airmen who died in 2002, didn't have wills, it became a command issue really fast."

The PACAF Legal Community devised a pro-

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey

Christmas in July

Staff Sgt. Toni Wiser and Senior Airman Windy Roe, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, gather and pack up school supplies, toys and other goodies for a care package for local Iraqi children. The two Sky Warriors are from the 15th Contracting Squadron and are part of the Air Expeditionary Force 5/6 who left here in May.

Hickam's AMC family lounge is outfitted and ready to open its doors

By Kirsten Tacker
Kukini Photojournalist

In a closed ceremony Hickam's AMC family lounge, operated by the United Service Organizations, will have their grand re-opening today.

Staffed with volunteers the USO's doors will open to the public Monday and stay open seven days a week from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m.

The director of operations, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Jorgensen disclosed, "It was mostly an inside job with the design portion done by Master Sgt. Steven Santjer and a lot of the physical work by Staff Sgt. Jerry Good and Senior Airman Mark Dean."

It took two-and-a-half See USO, A5

Cut backs close the official flights reservation center

By Kirsten Tacker
Kukini Photojournalist

Hickam's Air Mobility Command reservation center for official flights only will close in 2006. The passenger service center and the check-in counters for Space Available Flights will remain open.

The upcoming changes for space-A piggybacks off alterations within the Patriot Express service.

Patriot Express is the military's chartered commercial air service for transporting servicemembers mainly in Europe and the Pacific. This service will be dramatically scaled down during the next few years.

AMC contracts an entire commercial plane for travel, and if all the seats aren't filled, money may be spent on services not used.

Under space-A's reorganiza-



Photo by Kirsten Tacker

Senior Airman Pete Amerpohi, 735th AMS, assists PFC. Melanie Johnson and her daughter Rossalyn who wait a Space-A flight to Travis Air Force Base Calif.

tion this will no longer happen. The changes intend to save the government millions of dollars, and benefit PCS (permanent-change-of station) travelers who will gain more flexibility in planning their overseas travel.

"Because this has been realized ... it's actually cheaper to move families through commercial airports during PCS," explained Tech Sgt. Morris Simms, shift supervisor for

Hickam's passenger terminal. The reformed Patriot Express additionally reduces the number of gateways for space-available travel. Many AMC passenger terminals on military transports will still exist regardless of the closures.

At the Hawaii Kaneohe Bay Marine Corps Base, a military transport station is still in existence. They also offer space-A flights call 257-1604 for more details.

For people traveling space-A keep in mind these important tips:

- Be flexible and know there are going to be multiple changes, all flights are subject to change at any time.
- It is not suggested to fly space-A if you have a deadline to be somewhere.
- Always have enough money to purchase a commercial ticket.
- Make sure all identification cards are current.
- Must wear closed toe shoes, be travel ready and dress warm, it is bitter cold at the cruising altitude of the aircraft.
- Baggage limit is 70 pounds per bag most commercial airlines are about 50 or 60 pounds per bag.
- No lighters, the terminal has large placards informing

travelers of what's permissible in carry-on bags and luggage.

- Dependents flying without their spouse must have a completed Command Sponsorship form and travel within 60 days of the date on the form. This is not the same as applying for Command Sponsorship when the military member is first married.
- Surrender, when the price of the hotel accumulates. It may have been more cost effective to purchase a commercial ticket.
- When traveling to Guam passengers must have proof of citizenship and picture identification.
- There are always choices and flying commercial is one of them.
- Space-A is a privilege not a right.

Defining a great legacy

Pacific Air Forces celebrates 61 years

By **Genera Paul V. Hester**
Commander, Pacific Air Forces

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Pacific Air Forces! On Aug 3, 1944, Far East Air Forces became part of the largest and most powerful military organization ever fielded by any country. Since that day 61 years ago, generations of remarkable Airmen and Air Force Civilians have stood watch over the western shores of the United States and the Asia-Pacific region.

While PACAF's origins are rooted in war ... the command's legacy ... YOUR legacy ... is founded on the patriotic spirit that swept our nation during WWII and the legion of men and women who have since served to preserve peace, and what we know as "the American way of life."

We can all be proud of PACAF's rich history and look forward to an exciting future. In years to come, PACAF bases will be home to new aircraft like the C-17, F/A-22 and Global Hawk. Our Airmen will continue to trans-



form the way we command and control air and space forces, while taking a lead role promoting regional security through joint exercises and conferences with our Asian-Pacific partners. YOUR deeds...deeds you perform so well today, will define PACAF's future and YOUR legacy.

As we mark more than six decades of service, America is proud to have every member of our PACAF family in her service. YOU are defining a GREAT legacy as part of the world's GREATEST Air Force! THANK YOU!

PACAF History tid bits

► By 1945, three numbered air forces -- 5th, 7th and 13th -- were supporting operations in the Pacific.

► After World II, FEAF and 5th AF remained in Japan, while 7th AF operated from Hawaii, and 13th AF from the Philippines.

► When the North Koreans crossed the 38th parallel June 25, 1950, FEAF consisted of 5th, 13th and 20th AFs and the Far East Materiel Command.

► Following the volcanic eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines, Clark AFB was closed and 13th AF relocated to Andersen in 1991.

Sky Warriors' voices can make a difference

By **Col. Bill "Goose" Changose**
15th Airlift Wing commander

Hickam residents, here's another opportunity to improve base housing. An Air Force-wide resident satisfaction survey has been launched to determine resident satisfaction with family housing at installations around the world.

Every resident of government-owned or privatized housing will have an opportunity to participate in this program. I encourage each of you to complete the survey and make a difference in the Hickam community. The survey will be hand delivered Monday and Tuesday to all Earhart residents. A postage paid envelop will be provided to mail in the completed surveys. Hale Na Kola residents will take the survey in about six months.

There is yet another survey which is about to begin Monday that is important to all of Team Hickam. This one will help determine the Cost Of Living Allowance (COLA) we receive. It is only conducted once every three years, so I encourage your participation. This survey will be available online beginning Monday and run through Sept. 30 at <http://www.perdien.osd.mil/oscola/lps/hawaii>. Hickam Community Housing is hosting a National Night Out Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Earhart Village Park. This is a great opportunity for our Sky Warriors to get to know one another and help prevent crime and drug use on Hickam.

Safety in our neighborhoods is something we all care about. Please come out and join Hickam Community Housing and see how you can make our neighborhoods better. It will be a great event for the entire family!

We had the great privilege of hosting Hawaii State Representative Lynn Finnegan at Hickam on Tuesday. She received the Team Hickam mission brief and toured the Health and Wellness Center, the Education office and Hickam Elementary school. As the representative for this district she expressed the great appreciation her non-military constituents had for Team Hickam's Sky Warriors and assured us that although many of us have residents in other states, she asked that we still consider her as our representative.

I'm always impressed with the people on this base, this week let me tell you about **Annette Collins, 15th Logistics Readiness Squadron Management and Systems Flight**, who has volunteered her time to assist the short-handed Traffic Management Flight, during the busy summer move season. Despite having no TMO experience, Annette quickly learned the ropes. Her unmatched customer service skills and high energy personality helped get the flight through a very challenging time. She's a consummate team player and professional. Thank you for being such a great Sky Warrior, keep up the great work!

I also want to offer my thanks to **Aimee Hulett from the 15th Services Squadron**.



Photo by Angela Elbern

Col. William "Goose" Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, goes over an organization chart with Hawaii State Representative Lynn Finnegan, during her visit to Hickam Tuesday.

With the summer PCS season in full swing there's often a chance for Officer or NCO Club accounts to not quite make the transition flawlessly. Ms. Hulett is always there to help ensure accounts are correct.

Next Friday is our monthly Warrior Run. We'll start at the area near the Seabreeze restaurant at 6:45 a.m. Once we're formed up the National Anthem will be sung and then we will take to the road for the 3.1 mile run out past the golf course and back. As a

reminder, it's mandatory for ALL 15th Airlift Wing active-duty members. Even if you're on a profile I'd to see you out there volunteering and supporting your fellow Sky Warriors if possible. This is not just a wing event - it's open to all of Team Hickam. We had more than 950 runners last month. My challenge still stands to break the 1,000 runner mark.

Have a great weekend Sky Warriors ... take care of each other and please be safe.

Action Line

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name. It's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community.

It also allows you to recognize individuals who go above and beyond in their duties -- and we all know there are plenty of those folks here.

All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line; however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility.

If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call.

If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked

to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing.

The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

TAILGATE SALES

Comment: My issue is with tailgate sales. Why was this program started? Why should I have to pay someone for a small space so they can dictate when, where, and how long the sale will go on?

Response: The program was started to allow housing residents, retirees and other personnel with base access to have a central location to sell or find used items at fair prices.

The location also provides a safe and controlled environment for sellers and buyers. Tailgate sales are held on the first and third Saturday of every month

from 7 to 10 a.m. in the Burger King parking lot. Although there is an \$8 charge per booth, this is not a money making event for the 15th Services Squadron.

The cost covers the salary of the person on site who assists the buyers and sellers. It also covers replacement costs for tables and chairs which are available to all participating merchants.

Yard or garage sales are not permitted in military family housing as it would create a major traffic/parking problem and would be a safety concern.

By the way, our Thrift Shop is another popular venue for the consignment of pre-owned goods. Thank you for your inquiry.

If you have additional questions or concerns please call Ms. Julie Klembara at the Hickam Community Center, 449-2361.

Hickam Diamond Tips



"Communication Devices: Personnel required to carry a communication device are authorized only one small black, nondescriptive personal digital assistant (PDA), pager, or cellular phone at a time to be worn on the uniform belt. Personnel are not authorized to be talking on their cell phones while walking.

Source: 96th Air Force Uniform Board Results, June 2004

Questions? Contact your 1st Sergeant."

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Crisis Response lines

Hickam Family Support Center
449-0300
Life Skills Support Center
449-0175
Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373
Base Chaplain
449-1754
Military Family Abuse Shelter
533-7125
SARC Hotline
449-7272

Hickam Voices

Why do you give to the Combined Federal Campaign?



To help other people out.

MSgt. Charles Irvin
Kenney HQ Logistics A4



I give to charities because I have an over abundance of what I need to survive. Hopefully people will turn around and help me if I ever need it.

Major George Vida,
PACAF, Operations



To give and support people that need help.

A1C Stephen Meyers
15th Communications Squadron



I think it's good to give. There are a lot of great organizations involved. Everyone should give even just a little.

Msgt. Izzie Reyes
PACAF Security Forces



Since I joined the military and found out about the CFC I've been giving to the Epilepsy Foundation. My sister has epilepsy and I hope that the money that is donated will find a cure or the proper medicine for my sister's disability so she can live a normal lifestyle.

SSgt Heather Henry
US Pacific Command

Next week's question:
This one's for the students (K-12).
August 6: What's the one school supply you need or want most?

To respond to this question, send an email to hickam.kukini@ hickam.af.mil with a response and phone number to contact you.

Tankers take care of deployed aircrews

By Master Sgt. Rich Romero
40th Air Expeditionary Group
Public Affairs

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (AFPN) — Airman 1st Class Robert Willis celebrated his 21st birthday in a rather unusual manner July 22 — offloading 85,200 pounds of jet fuel at 27,500 feet to a B-52 Stratofortress bound for Afghanistan.

It was merely another day at the “office” for the boom operator on the KC-135 Stratotanker air refueling aircraft.

“It’s our job to get the gas to them where and when they need it,” said the Airman deployed to this forward-deployed location from Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.

He and a mixture of other Airmen from three stateside bases make up the 28th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron. Currently, aircrews, staff officers and maintainers from MacDill AFB, Fla., Robins AFB, Ga., and Grand Forks AFB form the squadron.

Because of the high operations tempo the tanker community experiences, they don’t fit into the same rotation schedule as Airmen on a typical air and space expeditionary force deployment. Demand is high on the dual-role aircraft which can carry up to 200,000 pounds of transfer fuel as well as 83,000 pounds of cargo and 37 passengers. The KC-135 is capable of air refueling U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps aircraft as well as aircraft of allied nations.

“While we support the AEF construct just like other major weapon systems, there simply aren’t enough tankers available for them to fit neatly into the AEF cycle,” said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Sheppard, the squadron’s commander, also from Grand Forks.

“Many (Airmen) from the KC-135 community would welcome the opportunity to deploy for 120 days and then spend several months at home, but that’s just not possible in today’s environment,” Colonel Sheppard said.

“We’re in demand 365 days a year both at home and in a myriad of deployed locations. The only way to handle that demand is to have all the wings continuously share in the deployment burden,” he said.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jocelyn Rich

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM — Captains Ryan Budinko (left) and David Eisenbrey conduct preflight checks in a KC-135 Stratotanker before an air refueling mission at a forward-deployed location. Both are deployed to the 28th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron from the 905th Air Refueling Squadron at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.

Crew No. 5, who drew the 7 a.m. sortie July 22, can certainly attest to that. Capts. Ryan Budinko, the aircraft commander, and David Eisenbrey, a pilot, have both been deployed for 180 days in the past year. Airman Willis has deployed for nearly 250 days. Typically, tanker aircrew deployments are for 60 days at a time.

“The tanker community deploys a lot,” Colonel Sheppard said. “While some tanker troops might spend a shorter time at a given location relative to someone in a straight AEF tasking, that person may deploy repeatedly throughout the year, so overall days remain quite high.”

Captain Budinko and Airman Willis are examples of this. They have deployed together in three consecutive deployments. Both agree there are benefits as a result.

“You certainly build a rapport and trust with that person,” said Airman Willis, who has nearly 800 flying hours in his 18 months in the Air Force. “It’s hard to trust people who you don’t know well, particularly when your life is in each other’s hands.”

Captain Budinko said it is a great combination with the biggest benefit of knowing instantly how the other person is feeling that day.

“From the first interaction with him, I can tell how he’s doing,” said the captain from Glendora, Calif. “I also know a

lot about him personally, including his family.”

However, the Grand Forks crew does not typically fly together at home station.

“At home station, we don’t have dedicated crews,” Airman Willis said. “We fly with different people much of the time. When deployed, though, we typically fly with the same crew each time.”

While the aircraft has a dual-role capability, the nearly 10 aircrews here solely provide air refueling support, primarily for bombers heading into and out of Afghanistan. It is arguably as important a mission as the aircraft they refuel.

“(Operation Enduring Freedom) basically runs on tankers,” said Captain Eisenbrey, who has more than 2,400 flying hours.

For Airman Willis, it is a mission that is immensely satisfying.

“They (aircraft) don’t stay in the air without you,” said the Houston native. “You feel a lot more needed (when deployed) because you’re directly supporting the mission on hand. Back home, it’s mostly training.”

There is not necessarily a lot of time spent back home, though. While many of the tanker support troops are here for 120 days, Air Mobility Command policy also gives units the option of swapping out their people mid-tour, which gives them added flexibility, Colonel Sheppard said.

“For example, I have an assistant operations officer on staff who arrived here mid-tour, shortly after completing a deployment to another location,” he said. “He took the place of an officer who was here and went home just in time to go (temporary duty) to instructor school and then (permanent change of station). Without the option of a midtour swap out, I wouldn’t have been able to deploy either officer here.”

And unlike other deployed locations, people do not seem to mind much being here.

“It’s so much better here than most places we go,” Airman Willis said. “There’s a lot more freedom, such as wearing civilian clothes for one.”

Captain Eisenbrey also pointed out there is also not much of a terrorist threat.

“It’s night and day (here as compared to other locations),” said the native of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.

Even with the high deployment rate and operations tempo, the crew feels the tanker community has a certain attitude of doing whatever is necessary to get the job done.

“Unlike other (Air Mobility Command) assets, we don’t just land, spend 17 hours on the ground and take off,” Captain Eisenbrey said. “The mission usually requires us to stick around for a little while if we go somewhere.”

As far as Crew No. 5 is concerned, they would not have it any other way.

45th Space Wing supports successful shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION, Fla. (AFPN) — The 45th Space Wing at nearby Patrick Air Force Base provided flawless support for NASA’s successful launch of Space Shuttle Discovery on July 26, officials said.

This was the shuttle’s first flight since the Columbia tragedy on Feb. 1, 2003.

The wing’s Department of Defense Manned Spaceflight Support Office joined with U.S. Strategic Command and North American Aerospace Defense/U.S. Northern Command to field a large cadre of search and recovery and security forces.

Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons enforced a temporary no-fly zone over the shuttle’s launch pad while other forces stood by at various locations, ready to respond in the event of a contingency.

The standby rescue and recovery forces were not needed and the Eastern Range’s vast network of radar, telemetry, meteorological, optical and communications instrumentation assisted a picture-perfect launch.

“Congratulations to the entire NASA, DOD and government contractor launch team,” said Col.

Mark Owen, 45th SW commander. “The DOD is proud of its contributions to assuring this safe and successful launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery.

“We’ve got a great partnership with NASA,” he said. “This launch validates the more than two years of hard work we’ve all invested in getting the shuttle back into orbit.

“This is a great day not

only for our space program, but for the nation,” said Col. Owen.

The crewmembers on this mission are delivering supplies to the International Space Station and replacing critical components on the orbiting outpost.

The crew will also test and evaluate new space shuttle flight safety, which includes new inspection and repair techniques.

The Space Shuttle Discovery lifts off from Launch Pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla., Tuesday. Discovery and seven astronauts blasted into orbit Tuesday on America’s first manned space shot since the 2003 Columbia disaster, ending a painful, 2-year shutdown devoted to making the shuttle less risky and NASA more safety-conscious.



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gram to get Airmen legally ready. AFN Hawaii coordinated and developed a media campaign with PACAF PA and PACAF JAG to inform PACAF Airmen about the new program. The standing committee on legal assistance for military personnel singled out the theaterwide PACAF Legal Readiness Program. A part of the overall write up included the media blitz produced by AFN Hawaii. The Program is now providing impressive results: this year alone legal professionals in the command drafted more than 3,000 wills and 9,000 powers of attorney and Hickam has seen a 150 percent increase in estate planning. The Air Force is now looking at the possibility of implementing the PACAF Legal Readiness Program model servicewide.

Sergeant Barfield said, “Just like a bomber hitting a specific target, we try to have an effect with every product we produce.”

The broadcaster has been on target a few times during his career. Another award presented to the AFN team was the Air Force Broadcast Journalist of the Year which, with the 2004 addition, is the technical sergeant's fourth of his career.

The award recognizes the broadcast journalist whose products represent the highest standards of military journalism while communicating command information to the internal audience.

“I truly believe the awards represent more than just one

person's effort,” said the modest sergeant. “The level of dedication and support from the wing and PACAF has led to their story being told to mil-

lions of viewers around the world through AFN and the Pentagon Channel. When you see the affects of a story command wide you really under-

stand what you are here for and everything is put into perspective.”

One hundred and eleven broadcast products were criti-

tiqued in Air Force Media Contest. The winners of the competition represent the very best in broadcast products the Air Force has to offer.

The winner of each category represents the Air Force in the Department of Defense's prestigious Thomas Jefferson competition.

More AFN Awards



Photo By Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo

The National Association of Government Communicators is a private organization and every year presents the Blue Pencil and Gold Screen Awards, recognizing excellence in government information products. Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo, AFN Hawaii was a 2004 recipient of the National Association of Government Communicators Award for photography for the above photo entitled “A letter home.”

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months for the USO's remodeling to be complete and was mostly done during everyone's extra time.

Inside the new USO is a baby room with two cribs; small sized furniture and an outside play gym. Other areas at Hickam's AMC Terminal were also transformed along with the USO.

There is another new indoor play gym at the main terminal equipped with a television that displays children friendly shows. The most recent changes make it more family oriented and even the adults have their own television section in the terminal.

The fresh family friendly facelift was made possible by donations and money from the USO. If interested in volunteering for the new USO call Elaine Ota at 836-3351 for more details.



Photo by Kirsten Tacker
Master Sgt. Steve Santjer, 735th AMS, sprays Scotchgard detailing the finishing touches before Hickam's USO re-opens.

Crime Scene

THEFT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY/UNSECURED: 14 Jul 05

An active duty Air Force member notified Security Forces about her property being stolen at Hickam Beach. A report was filed.

SHOPLIFTING/\$8.00: 14 Jul 05

A military family mem-

ber was detained by Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. They were processed and eventually released.

SHOPLIFTING/\$5.00: 15 Jul 05

A military family member was detained by Army Air Force Exchange

Service store detectives for shoplifting. They were processed and eventually released.

DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY: 16 Jul 05

An active duty Air Force member notified Security Forces about his privately owned vehicle being damaged while parked at the BX. A report was filed.

SHOPLIFTING/\$5.00: 16 Jul 05

A retired military member was detained by Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. They were processed and eventually released.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT/MEDICAL

EMERGENCY/DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY: 16 Jul 05

An civilian Air Force employee notified Security Forces about a fight in progress at the Enlisted Club. Some participants were hit with golf clubs and required medical treatment. A report was filed.

DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY: 17 Jul 05

An active duty Air Force member notified Security Forces about his privately owned vehicle being damaged while parked at the Lemon Lot. A report was filed.

SHOPLIFTING/\$47.00: 17 Jul 05

A military family mem-

ber was detained by Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. They were processed and eventually released.

CURFEW VIOLATION: 19 Jul 05

Two military family members were detained Security Forces for violating the Hickam Curfew Policy. They were processed and released to their sponsor's.

THEFT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY/UNSECURED: 20 Jul 05

An active duty Air Force member notified Security Forces about her son's bike being stolen from their quarters. A report was filed.

Troop withdrawals could begin next year, Casey says

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A "fairly substantial" withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq could take place next spring or summer if the insurgency doesn't grow and the country's political process continues as scheduled, the commander of coalition forces said here July 27.

U.S. Army Gen. George W. Casey, head of Multinational Force Iraq, spoke during a surprise visit to Iraq by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

At a later joint news conference with Rumsfeld, Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim Jaafari said the departure of U.S. forces from his country depends on how soon Iraq can train, equip and field its own soldiers and police to take over security duties.

"We do not want to be surprised," Jaafari said, if U.S. troops leave before the Iraqis are prepared to assume security.

Rumsfeld arrived in Baghdad today after visits to the Central Asian nations of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. He met with senior U.S. and Iraqi military and civilian officials at

the International Zone, formerly called the "Green Zone." He first conducted an update meeting with Casey and U.S. Army Lt. Gen. John R. Vines, commander of Multinational Corps Iraq, and U.S. Army Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander of Multinational Security Transition Command Iraq.

Casey commented on the potential for withdrawing U.S. forces from Iraq during a joint news conference with Rumsfeld and new U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad.

The general said the insurgency in Iraq hasn't substantially increased

within the past year.

"The insurgents need to progress to survive, and this insurgency is not progressing," Casey said.

Instead of gaining strength, insurgents in Iraq have changed tactics, he explained, to employ "more violent, more visible" attacks on softer civilian targets.

That is "a no-win strategy for the insurgents," Casey said. The general noted that U.S. military members continue to train and team up with Iraqi units in conducting sweeps and other security missions.

Khalilzad agreed with

Rumsfeld's earlier stated belief that the Iraqi government needs to be more assertive about border issues with countries like Syria and Iran.

"They need to be more aggressive," Khalilzad said, noting the Syrians and the Iranians haven't been very helpful in preventing insurgents from entering Iraq from their side of the border.

But Iraq soon will become an important country in the region, Khalilzad said, and likely will remember which countries had been helpful to it at this stage of its history.



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Shuttle return to flight includes local efforts

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFPN) — Almost two weeks after its original launch date, NASA's Discovery Shuttle took to the skies on its return to flight Tuesday, but they are not doing it alone.

"NASA could not launch the space shuttle without range and space surveillance support from Air Force Space Command," said Jeffrey Ashby, former astronaut and liaison between the command and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. "The dedication and attention to detail of AFSPC members are absolutely necessary for safe operation of the space shuttle."

Support will be provided by Airmen of the 1st Space Control Squadron, 45th Space Wing, 21st Space Wing, 14th Air Force and Air Force Space Command. Each unit is part of the command's combined efforts to meet both launch and on-orbit space shuttle requirements.

"We support NASA through our space surveillance network," said Lt. Col. David Maloney, chief of the space situation awareness branch. "Our network consists of 31 radars and telescopes that track more than 13,000 man-made objects on a daily basis."

This information comes into



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

Movin' out

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Airman Marlon Wells guides a forklift during an operational readiness exercise here. He is assigned to the 374th Airlift Wing.

play when NASA officials plan the shuttle's launch and orbit path.

"It's important to know where all of the objects are because we certainly don't want to launch the shuttle into the oncoming path of an orbiting man-made space object that is sufficient size to damage the shuttle," Colonel Maloney said.

Outside of the space situation awareness support, the safety and range/spacelift division at AFSPC headquarters also contributes to the shuttle launch.

"After the last launch, NASA said they needed better cameras," said Maj. Vince Cassara, chief of the division. "During the past two years we have worked on enhancements

at the range to include long-range cameras that can track the shuttle after launch and improved video playback capabilities." (Story by Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Thibault Air Force Space Command Public Affairs.)

JDAM drop marks increase in Raptor abilities

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFPN) — As the midafternoon sun blazed on the Mojave Desert and thunderclouds loomed in the distance, a sleek dark gray war bird took to the sky to push the envelope of flight testing.

At the controls, Maj. John Teichert, a 411th Flight Test Squadron test pilot, pushed the F/A-22 Raptor past Mach 1, opened the weapons bay and released a guided bomb unit-32 1,000-pound joint direct attack munition, marking the first time a Raptor has dropped a JDAM at supersonic speed.

"Qualifying the Raptor to release GPS-guided bombs at supersonic speeds is a significant milestone for the program," Major Teichert said. "Releasing a bomb under such conditions provides a notable increase in Raptor tactical capabilities."

The GBU-32 separation test vehicle that was released is the same size, shape and weight as a real bomb, but without the

guidance kit.

Additionally, this was the first time a JDAM was released supersonically from an internal weapons bay, officials said.

Even with thorough mission planning and briefing, including several contingencies, by the test team and the test conductor, the testing was not without its challenges.

Some of these challenges included limited range airspace to reach test conditions, longer range travel of the weapon after release, more difficulty with the photo chase aircraft keeping up with the Raptor and harsh conditions for the aircraft and the weapon at release.

"All these factors obviously increased the stress level of the mission," Major Teichert said. "Attention to detail was heightened in order to ensure a successful test."

Major Teichert credited the mission success to thorough coordination among the test team, the mission crew and the range controllers.

"Pilots and engineers had coordinated the details of the test during the test planning phase," he said. "This close orchestration allowed the test to meet its objectives as well as demonstrate operational relevance." (Story by Christopher Ball, 95th Air Base Wing Public Affairs)

Test pilot school selection board date set

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Air Force officials plan to hold the next test pilot school selection board at

the Air Force Personnel Center here Nov. 28 to Dec. 2 for classes beginning in July 2006 and January 2007.

The U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School trains pilots and navigators as well as civilian and military engineers to test and evaluate the newest aircraft and weapons systems.

Applicants from all aircraft types and backgrounds must have strong academic and technical experience, along with a desire to help develop the next generation of Air Force weapons and weapons systems.

Air Force officers and civilians eligible for the school can volunteer for a joint Air Force Institute of Technology and test pilot school program leading to a Master of Science degree in aeronautical, electrical or computer engineering.

All officers eligible, in accordance with Air Force Instruction 99-107, Test Pilot School, may apply. Officers who currently have an application on file must update it as specified in AFI 99-107.

New applications and updated information must arrive no later than Oct. 14 at HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West, Suite 31, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4733.

For more information on application procedures, Airmen can call the AFPC Special Flying Programs Office at DSN 665-2330, commercial (210) 565-2330 or visit the test pilot school Web site at www.edwards.af.mil/TPS/. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)



Explore Southeast Asia

Take a journey with our Information, Tickets and Travel office to experience the distinct culture and cuisine of Southeast Asia. Visit the majestic Golden Buddha Temple of Bangkok, discover the rich history of Malaysia and take in the sights and sounds of China Town in Singapore. Tour package includes international airfare, domestic airfare, 11-nights hotel accommodations with Western breakfast, city tours, local English-speaking guides, tour escorts and round-trip transfer service between the ITT office and Honolulu International Airport. October 16 - 28. Call 449-2230 for more details.

Volunteer coaches needed

Youth Sports has a need for youth softball and baseball coaches in all age categories. "Volunteers are critical to the success of these programs," said Master Sgt. Ricky Woods, NCOIC of Fitness & Sports Center operations. Interested volunteers should contact B.J. Bentley at the Youth Sports Office at 448-4492 or 448-6611.

"Hansel & Gretel"

The annual Missoula Theater Performing Arts Studio will be performing their summer play, "Hansel & Gretel," Saturday, July 30 at 2 p.m. at the Hickam Memorial Theater. Come out to enjoy free quality entertainment and show your support for these aspiring young actors. Call the Community Center at 449-2361 for details.

Free youth bowling

Hickam youth ages 5-18

can bowl free just for submitting an essay or drawing on the subject "Say no to drugs, say yes to bowling." Participants will receive a free Youth Summer Special Pass which is valid from July 11 to September 16. The pass is valid for three games. Call the Bowling Center at 449-2702 for full details.

Colgate Country Showdown

Come watch Oahu's finalists for the 24th Annual Colgate Country Showdown perform here at Hickam this weekend. It's your chance to catch a rising country music star and enjoy free entertainment at the clubs. Food and beverages are available for purchase. Shows at the Enlisted Club (449-1292) on July 30 (doors open at 6 p.m.) and the Officers' Club (448-4608) on July 31 (doors open at 5 p.m.).

Crafters, auto enthusiasts!

Registration is now open at the Arts & Crafts Center and the Auto Hobby Center for the 2nd Annual Summer Craft Fair & Car show. Crafters may reserve a booth at the fair at the A&C Center while car enthusiasts wishing to enter the Car Show competition may do so at the Auto Center. Civilian crafters without base access must register by mail. Applications are available by calling Natalie at 449-1568, Ext. 101 or email Natalie.keaney@hickam.af.mil.

Car show categories include stock, modified, best interior, best paint and best engine compartment. Prizes will be awarded. Open to all with military base access and cost is only \$5 to register. The events will take place on Saturday, August 6 at the Arts & Crafts Center on Kuntz Ave. Registration deadline is one day before the event. Call 449-1568 for additional details.

Spearfishing Workshop

Learn the basics of spearfishing from Outdoor Recreation. The workshop will be conducted at Pool #2 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon on Saturday, August, 6. Along with the instruction, a demonstration of training and equipment will also be given in the water. Participants should be 15 years or older, and an accomplished swimmer. Bring mask, fins and snorkel gear...and sign up fast, because class is limited to 10 persons (minimum 3). Cost is \$30 per person. Call 449-5215 to sign up.

Party at the Puka!

"The Puka Party" featuring the Party Animal "DJ Randy L" will be held on Saturday, July 30 at the 10th Puka Lounge. The party starts at 8:30 p.m. and will become a regular feature of the 10th Puka Sports Lounge on the last Saturday of each month. Come dance and listen to your favorite Rock and Party hits from the 80's and 90's. There will be drink specials, games and prizes and maybe even a surprise guest or two. Call 449-1594 for details.

Birthday Bowling Parties

Looking for a fun way to celebrate your child's birthday? Call the Hickam Bowling Center for a party your child will always remember. Party packages for children 12 and under are available for just \$7.50 per child. The package includes two games of bowling, free shoe rental, one hot dog and one bag of chips, or two mini-cheese

pizzas or two mini-pepperoni pizzas per person. Call the Center at 449-2702 for reservations.

First Friday's at the O'Club

Get ready to party to hits from the '50s to today as the Hickam Officers' Club presents First Friday's "Sock Hop" party, Friday, August

5 in the Koa Lounge. The fun starts at 4:30 p.m. So get the weekend off to the right start and come dance the night away with "DJ G-Man" from 7 - 10 p.m. Contact the O'Club at 448-4608 for details.

Mixed Golf Tournament

This monthly tournament

will be an 18-hole event scheduled for Sunday, August 7. Grab your favorite golf partner and make it a day at Mamala Bay! Second round tee times will be used, starting at 11:45 a.m. The format is a 2-person Team Best Ball, 70 percent handicap. Entry

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Who will be America's next country music super star?

24th Annual Colgate COUNTRY SHOWDOWN

OAHU FINALISTS WILL BE PERFORMING ON

Sat., July 30, Enlisted Club at 7 p.m.
(Doors open at 6)

AND

Sun., July 31, Officers Club at 6 p.m.
(Doors open at 5)

THIS WEEKEND!



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fee for the event is \$15 per couple. Call 449-2047 for more details.

E ‘Club Karaoke

The Enlisted Club presents Karaoke Night every Thursday (7 p.m. - close) and every Friday (4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.). Come and take the stage! Contact the E'Club at 449-1292 for details.

Got Stuff For Sale?

Planning on moving and don't need to take all those clothes with you? Come on down to the Hickam Tailgate Sale on Aug. 6 (and Aug. 20) at the Burger King parking lot from 7 - 10 a.m. End stalls are \$11 each and all other stalls are just \$8 each and need to be reserved by the Friday before the tailgate sale. Contact the Community Center at 449-2361 for more details.

Explore Oahu

As part of the Youth Center's “Pre-Teen Summer Splash” program, these two part-day camps (Aug. 2 & 4

from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.) offer exciting opportunities to explore this beautiful island we call home. Gallop around Kualoa Ranch by horseback on this new fun-filled adventure (Tuesday). Enjoy a tour of the Hawaiian Maritime Museum and climb aboard the Falls of Clyde four-masted ship. Afterward, we'll stop for ice cream at Cold Stone Creamery (Thursday). Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch, swimsuit, money for ice cream, water, camera and sun block. Cost is \$50. Contact 449-2233 to sign up.

Pizza Tour for Teens

We're asking teens (ages 13 - 18 years old) to find the best Pizza on Oahu! Participants will visit Big Kahuna's, Boston's North End Pizza (Aug. 1) and then catch a summer blockbuster at Pearlridge Mall and Ward Center (Aug. 3). Cost is \$40 (bring extra money for snacks at the movies). Contact 449-2233 for details.

PACAF Pentathalon

That's right, it's time to log on and “Venture 2 Victory” by playing the PACAF Pentathalon. This year is better than ever with over \$30,000 in prizes, trips to Las Vegas (Hawaii for non-Hawaii residents), cash prizes and a brand new Harley Davidson Sportster. You can only get your game piece from a Services activity, so venture to www.pac-five.com or www.hickam-services.com for a complete list of ways you can earn your chance to win! Game starts Aug. 1 and ends Sept. 30, but if you register by July 30, you'll be entered for a chance to win a cool radio cooler from Coca-Cola. Register between August 1-15 and you'll be entered to win a \$500 shopping spree from AAFES (only authorized AAFES customers are eligible to win). The game has already started, so what are you waiting for? Go log on and win!

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8:30 p.m. on the officer's club lanai. Free to HOSC members, eligible visitors and guests.

This year the event is open to Hickam clubs and organizations as well as home business providers. For details or to reserve table space email: turn-ers012@hawaii.rr.com no later than Aug. 12.

Sale – Hickam Friends of the Library is having a summer blow-out sale. Thousands of good quality new and used books must go to make way for new inventory. The sale is Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at building 1711 located between the Airman’s Attic and outdoor recreation.

New phone numbers – The Air Force Office of Special Investigations Det. 601 has upgraded phone lines and new numbers:

Commander
449-0114
Superintendent
449-0151

Information manager
449-0259
Criminal investigations
449-0117
Counterintelligence
449-0153

MPF shortages – Due to increased mission requirements, including Security Forces augmentation and mandatory personnel contingency training, the military personnel flight will be operating at minimum manning levels for the month of July. Expect delays in service. Additionally, customers requiring ID cards will be prioritized in the following order:

1. AF Active Duty
 2. AF Civil Service
 3. AF Contractors
 4. AF Dependents/Retirees
 5. AFR/ANG
 6. AD mbrs from other services stationed at Hickam
 7. All others
- There are additional sites where ID cards can be

obtained on island. Military members and their family members in need of ID card services may contact one of the following issuing facilities located on island: 154th Wing Hawaii ANG 448-7434; 9th Regional Support Command, Honolulu 438-1600; Ft. Shafter 438-1757 or 433-9166; Camp Smith 477-8376; MCB Hawaii (Kaneohe Bay) 257-8861; NCTAMS Pacific, Wahiawa 653-0053; Schofield Barracks 655-3335 or 655-4104; Pearl Harbor 471-2405 or 474-9140; USCG ISC Honolulu 541-3202.

Chief’s Group – The Chief’s Group of Hawaii monthly meeting is July 29 at 7:30 a.m. at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club Ballroom. For more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. Paul Lewis at 449-4516 or Chief Master Sgt. Edy Agee at 449-7776.